REMARKS

A petition for a one month extension of time has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto.

A Request for Approval of Drawing Changes has today been filed as a separate paper and a copy is attached hereto. The requested drawing change serves to label Fig. 1 "Prior Art" consistent with the teaching at pages 2 and 3 of applicants' specification.

The abstract has been amended to reduce it in size, i.e., to less than 150 words, as required by our rules of practice.

The specification has been amended to correct a typographical error and to insert a cross-reference to related applications.

Applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect Group II, i.e., claims 10-18 drawn to a method for making a container. That portion of the restriction requirement set forth in paragraph 1 is now moot in view of cancellation of non-elected claims.

Responsive to paragraph 3 of the office action, applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect the cap of Fig. 11 and 13, i.e., species "b". It is believed that pending claims 10-15 read on the method for producing a container inclusive of a cap of the elected species. However, the requirement for election of species is traversed for several reasons. Firstly, the species enumerated in paragraph 3 of the office action are product species and, accordingly, the election of species does not seem to be relevant to the elected method claims. Secondly, the examiner's groups a and b show what is actually the same cap assembly. Figs. 4, 5, 11 and 13 simply relate to different steps in the formation of the same package. See, for example, the description of the drawing figures at pages 10 and 11. Thirdly, and finally, the requirement for election of

species, insofar as it might be applicable to the method claims, is respectfully traversed in view of the presence of an allowable generic claim, i.e., claim 10. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the requirement for election of species be withdrawn in view of applicants' election of the method claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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